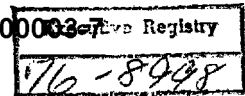


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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]  
Chief, European Division

FROM: George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Comments on OAG Paper: [redacted]  
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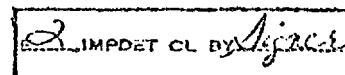
1. We have some difficulty with the wording of the first section of your paper since it emphasizes the fact that the [redacted] program is supportive of U. S. Government foreign policy objectives in Western Europe. [redacted]

2. I believe the final sentence in paragraph VII should be eliminated or at least modified. It has been stated and the Director of Central Intelligence has asserted to congressional committees in his budget presentations that this program is an intelligence collection activity. For reasons stated below, we see no reason to reconsider previous procedures for congressional briefings.

3. The first line on page 5 describes [redacted] as "minor funding." It may not be considered as such by some. If these words are included, we would suggest adding the word "relatively" in front of them.

4. We would suggest that the final sentence on page 5 as now stated be reworded as follows: "However, the DCI directed that reference to the [redacted]"

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mentioned Committees were in fact briefed as follows:

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We would also suggest the addition of the following: "The DCI should continue to cover this program in his regular budget presentations to the intelligence oversight committees." As stated previously, we should not, on our own initiative, extend to activities which are specifically excluded from the law the reporting requirements established for covert action programs in the law which contained that exclusion.

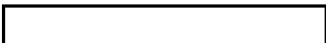
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